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SUBJ: ASYLUM REQUEST: NICOLAE DASCALU
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1. SUMMARY. BEECHER STORY IN MAY 19 BOSTON GLOBE IS ESSENTIALLY CORRECT EXCEPT THAT DASCALU AT NO TIME DURING HIS MAY 16 TALK WITH EMBOFF'S FORMALLY REQUESTED POLITICAL ASYLUM. HE DID INQUIRE AS TO WHAT ASSISTANCE EMBASSY MIGHT BE ABLE TO OFFER AND WAS TOLD THAT SO LONG AS HE REMAINED WITHOUT PASSPORT THERE WAS LITTLE WE COULD DO AND THAT EVEN IF HE DID RECEIVE TRAVEL DOCUMENT POSSIBILITIES WERE LIMITED. EMBOFFS ASKED IF HE WOULD LIKE TO TELL HIS STORY TO WESTERN JOURNALIST AND PUT HIM IN TOUCH WITH BEECHER, WHO, AFTER TALKING WITH DASCALU, NEVER RETURNED TO EMBASSY TO CHECK HIS FACTS. EMBASSY HAS SUBSEQUENTLY RECEIVED LETTER FROM DASCALU ADDRESSED TO PRESIDENT CARTER (POUCHED EUR/EE-SILINS) IN WHICH HE ASKS THAT U.S. BRING UP HIS CASE WITH CEAUSESCU, BUT DOES NOT REPEAT NOT REQUEST POLITICAL ASYLUM. END SUMMARY.

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2. NICOLAE DASCALU HAD VISITED EMBASSY ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS IN PAST SINCE HE IS FORMER CLASSMATE OF ONE OF EMBASSY LOCAL EMPLOYEES. HE HAD ALSO PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED HIS SIGNING OF GOMA'S DOCUMENT AND SUBSEQUENT THREATS AND SECURITATE INTERROGATION WITH EMBASSY'S CONSULAR AND INFORMATION OFFICERS. ON MAY 16 DASCALU AGAIN CAME TO EMBASSY, SUITCASE IN HAND, PRIOR TO HIS

DEPARTURE BY TRAIN TO VISIT HIS PARENTS IN TIMIS JUDET NEAR YUGOSLAV BORDER. HE REPEATED HIS STORY TO EMBASSY POLITICAL AND INFORMATION OFFICERS IN ESSENTIALLY SAME TERMS AS DESCRIBED IN BEECHER STORY. HE SAID THAT ALTHOUGH HE HAD BEEN CALLED TO THE SECURITATE OFFICE AGAIN, HE HAD DECIDED NOT TO GO, BUT INSTEAD TO LEAVE BUCHAREST AND RETURN HOME TO AWAIT WHATEVER MIGHT HAPPEN TO HIM.

3. DASCALU ASKED IF THERE WAS ANYTHING EMBASSY COULD DO TO ASSIST HIM, MENTIONING EMIGRATION, REFUGEE STATUS, OR POLITICAL ASYLUM. (COMMENT: THIS WAS ONLY INSTANCE WHEN HE SPOKE OF POLITICAL ASYLUM AND IT WAS CLEAR THAT IT WAS ONLY ONE OF SEVERAL POSSIBILITIES HE WAS CONSIDERING. SINCE DASCALU NEVER SPECIFICALLY RETURNED TO SUBJECT, EMBOFFS SIMPLY DID NOT ADDRESS IT, LET ALONG REFUSE IT.) EMBOFFS QUESTIONED HIM ON HIS LINKS TO U.S. (HE HAD NONE) AND WHETHER HE HAD EVER REQUESTED PERMISSION TO EMIGRATE (HE HAD DONE SO APPROXIMATELY THREE YEARS AGO, BUT HAD BEEN REFUSED). HE WAS TOLD THAT SO LONG AS HE WAS REFUSED A PASSPORT BY ROMANIAN AUTHORITIES THERE WAS LITTLE WE COULD DO FOR HIM, AND THAT EVEN SHOULD HE SUBSEQUENTLY RECEIVE ONE, POSSIBILITIES FOR EMIGRATION TO THE U.S. WERE STILL VERY LIMITED, GIVEN HIS CIRCUMSTANCES. EMBOFFS DID MENTION THAT IF HE WERE SOMEHOW ABLE TO GET TO VIENNA HE COULD APPLY FOR POLITICAL REFUGEE STATUS. EMBOFFS ASKED IF HE WISHED TO DOCUMENT HIS CASE IN WRITING. EMBOFFS ALSO ASKED DASCALU IF HE WOULD CARE TO TELL HIS STORY TO WESTERN JOURNALIST, POINTING OUT THAT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IN PRESENT ROMANIAN CIRCUMSTANCES IT WAS UNCLEAR WHETHER SUCH AN ACT MIGHT HELP OR HINDER HIS CASE. DASCALU, COMMENTING THAT HE HAD NOTHING TO LOSE, SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK TO A REPORTER AND TO THEN ARRANGE FOR BEECHER TO INTERVIEW HIM. SUBSEQUENT TO INTERVIEW, BEECHER NEVER RETURNED TO EMBASSY TO CHECK DETAILS OF HIS STORY WITH EMBOFFS.

4. ON MAY 24 IO RECEIVED HAND-WRITTEN LETTER ADDRESSED TO PRESIDENT CARTER FROM DASCALU WHO IS NOW APPARENTLY IN TIMIS JUDET. LETTER DETAILS HIS STORY AND ASKS THAT PRESIDENT TAKE UP HIS CASE WITH PRESIDENT CEAUSESCU. DASCALU DOES NOT MENTION EITHER EMIGRATION OR POLITICAL ASYLUM IN IT ALTHOUGH IT IS CLEAR THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY. (COPY OF LETTER POUCHED TO EUR/EE-SILINS MAY 27.)

5. COMMENT: DASCALU IS ONLY ONE OF SEVERAL INDIVIDUALS IN SIMILAR CIRCUMSTANCES WHO HAVE RECENTLY COME TO

EMBASSY IN SEARCH OF WHATEVER ASSISTANCE MIGHT BE
AVAILABLE. WE EXPECT EVEN MORE. IN THIS REGARD WE
WOULD APPRECIATE SUPPLEMENTAL DEPARTMENTAL GUIDANCE ON
WHAT WE MAY TELL THEM, AS WELL AS STATUS REPORT ON
LIKELIHOOD OF INCREASING NUMBER OF "POLITICAL REFUGEE"
SLOTS PRESENTLY AVAILABLE. WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO RECEIVE
FULL TEXT OF WHAT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN APPARENTLY TOLD
BEECHER, PART OF WHICH WAS INCLUDED IN HIS STORY.
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